

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 25 and 27 to 30 are pending in the application, with Claim 15 having been amended and Claim 26 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 8, 27 and 29 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 14 and 27 to 30 are allowed, and that Claims 21 to 23 contain allowable subject matter but are dependent upon rejected base Claim 15. In this regard, Claim 15 has been rewritten in dependent form to depend from either of allowed independent Claims 1 or 8. Accordingly, Claims 21 to 23 are now believed to be in allowable condition because they include the allowable features of Claim 1 or Claim 8.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, in particular the moving mechanism of Claims 27 and 29. A Request For Approval Of Drawing Changes is filed concurrently herewith to show such features in Figure 24. The moving mechanisms for the light source means and the light receiving means depicted in Figure 24 is discussed, *inter alia*, at page 12, line 25 to page 13, line 7, and at page 46, lines 12 to page 48, line 26 of the specification. In addition, these features were included in Claims 21 and 22, as originally-filed. As set forth in MPEP § 608.01(l), in establishing a disclosure, an applicant may rely not only on the description and drawings as filed, but also on the original claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the proposed changes to Figure 24 do not add new matter, and therefore approval of the accompanying Request For

Approval Of Drawing Changes, as well as reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings, are respectfully requested.

Claims 15 to 20 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,553,033 (Hubble III); and Claims 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hubble III in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,946,523 (Fujioka). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Rejected Claims 16 to 20 and 24 to 26 are dependent on rejected base Claim 15, which has been rewritten in dependent form to depend from either one of allowed Claims 1 or 8. Accordingly, Claims 15 to 20 and 24 to 26 are now believed to be in allowable condition for at least the same reasons as allowed Claims 1 and 8.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, and no other matters having been raised in the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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